BOURNE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health and the Sanitary Inspector for the Year 1944.

To the Chairman and Members of the Bourne Urban District Council.



Gentlemen,

I have much pleasure in submitting my Report and that of your Sanitary Inspector for the year 1944.

A. Statistics and Social Conditions.

Area 10,103 acres.

Population 5,200. Registrar General's figures for 1943 - 5,143.

Number of Inhabited Houses - 1,421.

Rateable Value £25,751. Sum represented by a ld. rate £102.

Vital Statistics, (not corrected by the Registrar General).

Births	Male 36	Femalo 25	Total 61	(born in Bourne). 18 outside Bourne.
Deaths	23	25	48	(not including non-resident deaths 6 Male & 5 Female - Total: 11.)

Causes of Death.	Resident		Non-Resident		
	Male	Female	Male	Remale	
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	3		2	2	
Typhoid				1	
Cerebral Haemorrhage	7	7			
Heart Disease	5	12			
Cancer	1	4			
Other Circulatory					
Diseases	1		1		
Pneumonia	1			1	
Bronchitis	2	1			
Other Respiratory					
Diseases	1				
Prematurity	2				
Cirrhosis of Liver				1	
Tetanus			1		
Oesophageal Obstruction	n				
in an Epileptica	1				
Mental Defective				1	
Leptospira icterohaemo	rr-				
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Accidental Death		1	1		

(2 Male and 1 Female Cancer deaths occurred in Hospital elsewhere).

B. Health Services of the Area. The personnel of the Healt. Services remain the same. Two general practitioners have

done the work of three since the war began, and far more, in the way of evacuees, both official and un-official, of wives of the garrison, of Civil Defence and Home Guard.

No praise is too high for the Nurses. Without them the Health services could not have been maintained at the high standard they have been. There is urgent need for another Nurse to look after the aged, as the Charity Trustees have to have recourse to the Town Nurses. There is no home help available.

Hospital accommodation for major cases is insufficient.

Maternity Hospital accommodation is insufficient. The Ambulance service has been reorganised.

C. Sanitary Circumstances of the Area. Water Supply difficulties have been eased by numerous extensions from the public supply to the 94 houses whose bores had given out in 1943.

There is still no check on fresh borings for agricultural purposes nor for the unsealed bores in the Council's area.

Bed bug infestation in old property in Abbey Road was dealt with.

There is serious overcrowding, though this will partially remedy itself when the ovacuoes (official and unofficial) return.

The Sanitary arrangements at the Approved School are still primitive.

Housing. Fost-war housing plans are being brought forward.

D. <u>Inspection and Supervision of Food.</u> See the Sanitary Inspector's Report.

It is to be hoped that the Central Slaughterhouse will remain after the war.

E. Prevalence and Control of Infectious and other Diseases.

Analysis of Cases of Infectious Diseases under Age Groups

	Diptheria	Puerperal Py r exia	Pneumoni a	Opthtalmia Neonatorum	Gerebro Spinal Fever	Measles	Whooping Cough	Erysipel ss	Dysent c ry	Scarlet Fever
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TOTALS :			7			8	18	1	1	14
Admitted into Hospital.								1	1	14

Cancer Deaths.

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Male Stomach (not primary) Male. Colon, Bladder.

Colon

Female Stomach, Colon, Rectum. Female. Uterus.

Diptheria Prophyllaxis.

0 - 5 years 66%, 5 - 15 years 86% have been immunized.

Scabies. Cases dealt with: - Home Cleansing Centre 12 104
Lice. 3

The Scabies Nurse renders a great service to the Community.

Tuberculosis. New cases and Mortality during 1944 :-

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I wish to thank my fellow Officials for their constant help and support.

I am, Gentleme .

Your obedies | Servant,

J. A. GALLETLI.

Medical Officer of Health.

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12th April, 1945.

J. A. GALLETLY, Esq., M.A., M.B., Chir: (Camb:) D.P.H., Medical Officer of Health, Bourne Urban District.

Sir,

Annual Report, 1944.

• I have the honour to present my Fifteenth Annual Report on the Public Health Work carried out by me in the Bourne Urban District, this being for the year 1944. Once again, only a brief summary is submitted.

Refuse Collection and Disposal. Again more modern methods of collection were discussed, and again shelved, though the need was generally acknowledged. The antiquated and expensive horse-drawn method of collection continues in use.

Salvage. Some $64\frac{3}{4}$ tons of materials were salvaged and sold for £390 Os. 4d. This brings the total to the end of 1944 to 410 tons (including nearly 19,000 bottles and jars) yielding £2,053 l5s. $11\frac{1}{2}$ d. gross, and £1,028 2s. 8d. net profit, which substantial amount has enabled the rate to be kept at its low level. Better results could have been obtained had more economical means of collection been available. Salvage has throughout been carried out as a voluntary service.

Stoppages occurred in Church Walk and Abbey Road, and after some amount of trouble, were cleared. A new manhole was constructed on the Abbey Road sewer. Flooding at Nowell's Lane - Manning Road corner was found to be due to an obstruction in the manhole in Abbey Road opposite Hereward Street, which caused a diversion of flow to Manning Road. This was rectified.

Slaughterhouses. The Government Central Slaughterhouse, and Klondyke Abattoir for the slaughter of horses for human consumption, have been operating throughout the year, and both have been maintained in good condition.

Meat and Food. A 100% inspection of carcases passing through the Government Central Slaughterhouse has been maintained and this has involved almost daily attendance at the Glaughterhouse. Nearly threequarters of this meat is for consumption in the Rural District, and the Rural Inspector has continued to share the inspection work. There are probably few Districts without a full-time Meat Inspector where 100% inspection is carried out, and it is not done here without some effort and sacrifice. One cannot help feeling that one's services are accepted rather than appreciated, and that the importance of this work, which is reflected in the following figures, is not fully understood -

Details of carcases inspected :-

22 Bulls 660 Bullocks 222 Cows 205 Heifers 84 Calves 3,085 Sheep and Lambs 386 Pigs.

TOTAL: 4,664

Weight of meat and offals condemned: - 17.102 tons

Fresh, frozen and tinned meat condemned):at the W.M.S.A. Depot

Various foods condemned at Wholesale &):-·1 ton Retail Food Stores

376 Horses were notified as slaughtered at the Klondyke Abattoir. It was impossible to inspect these before despatch, but it is understood that they are inspected on arrival.

It is worth recording that the quality of the carecases examined at the Government Central Slaughterhouse has con-

tinued to be very good.

Tuberculosis in Milk. Bi-monthly returns of all Bulla, Cows and Calves found on slaughter to be affected with Tuber-culosis have been made to the County Medical Officer, and a number of samples of milk from the herds from which these animals have come have been taken and submitted for biological examination.

Cowsheds and Dairies. A Number of inspections were carried out.

Factories and Workshops. Notice to provide adequate lavatory accommodation for both sexes and the effective screening of such accommodation was given in one instance.

Disinfections. Two disinfections after Infectious Disease were carried out.

Bug Disinfestations. Three houses were disinfested at the expense of the Owner, during the year. These are the first bug infestations I have found during my fifteen years in the District. Three houses were disinfested

Dangerous Building. Noti one dangerous building was given. Notice to demolish or make safe

Notices Served. Two Statutory Notices under the *Housing Act, 1936, Section 9, were served and complied with. Seventy-three Informal Notices were served.

Complaints. Fifty-three complaints were received and dealt with.

Ninety-seven inspections were carried Inspections. out.

Water Supply. A supply of water for six houses at Cawthorpe, referred to in my last Annual Report, was provided by means of a pump over a newly-sunk bore.

Housing. Five houses were demolished, four as a result of Demolition Orders made in 1933, and one voluntarily by the Owner.

A plan showing the first and second year Post-War Housing Programme - 20 and 30 respectively - was prepared, and approved by the Town and Country Joint Planning Committee.

General. The work of the Department has continued satisfactorily, though not without difficulty. The Sanitary condition of the Town has not materially deteriorated, but there will be considerable lee-way to make up when conditions become more normal. Labour and materials, as elsewhere, have been difficult, but we have at least been spared the destruction of War, and for this we have reason for thankfulness. The work of the Department has continued

The 203 Council Houses have been maintained in a good state of repair.

I acknowledge with approciation your ready cooperation at all times, and also that of the Council and Officers generally.

I am, Sir,

Yours obediently,

J. S. FISHER,

Surveyor & Sanitary Inspector.

